

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 1020-02
Bill No.: HB 264
Subject: Health Care; Health Care Professionals; Hospitals; Nurses
Type: Original
Date: January 29, 2003

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
Total Estimated Net Effect on Other State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.
This fiscal note contains 4 pages.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
Local Government	(Unknown exceeding \$100,000)	(Unknown exceeding \$100,000)	(Unknown exceeding \$100,000)

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Mental Health**, the **Department of Social Services**, and the **Department of Economic Development - Division of Professional Registration** assume this proposal would not fiscally impact their agencies.

Officials from the **Department of Health and Senior Services (DOH)** state this proposal enacts nurse staffing requirements and procedures for maintaining staffing requirements during non-emergency and emergency situations for all hospitals. DOH states the costs to hospitals is indeterminate because of the varying sizes of hospitals, the varying services offered, and the staffing mix of licensed staff versus non-licensed staff.

DOH states this proposal would not create a fiscal impact for DOH. Staffing needs based on the patient's needs are presently assessed as part of the regular survey process.

Oversight requested various hospitals in Missouri to respond to this fiscal note request. Due to time constraints, none of the hospitals responded. However, in a similar proposal from the previous session, various hospitals indicated that there would be unknown costs in developing

and maintaining an acuity system. **Oversight** assumes the costs to county hospitals is unknown
Assumption (continued)

but greater than \$100,000.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2004 (10 Mo.)	FY 2005	FY 2006
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2004 (10 Mo.)	FY 2005	FY 2006

COUNTY HOSPITALS

Costs - County Hospitals

Development and maintenace cost of an acuity system	<u>(Unknown exceeding \$100,000)</u>	<u>(Unknown exceeding \$100,000)</u>	<u>(Unknown exceeding \$100,000)</u>
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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON COUNTY HOSPITALS	<u>(Unknown exceeding \$100,000)</u>	<u>(Unknown exceeding \$100,000)</u>	<u>(Unknown exceeding \$100,000)</u>
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FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

DESCRIPTION


This proposal contains provisions pertaining to the establishment of nurse staffing plans for licensed hospitals. The proposal : (1) Contains various definitions including "acuity system," "staffing plan," "direct care nursing staff," and "unforeseeable emergent circumstances"; (2) Requires licensed hospitals to attempt to fill staffing requirements in order to address staff shortages before requiring a registered nurse or unlicensed assistive personnel to work overtime; and (3) Contains provisions pertaining to the scheduling of nursing shifts with certain exceptions, which include a declared national or state emergency.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not

require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Mental Health
Department of Economic Development -
Division of Professional Registration
Department of Social Services
Department of Health and Senior Services



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